

213/340-8346 G. Holmstrom

8/80

#4

lost an engine in fighter attack
feathered.

Stayed w/group

fighter got more intense

past Frankfurt, hit again

large hole in left wing, lost gas

asked for course for Stuttgart.

as left formation, followed by a
fighter.

Went into climb, no controls.

Ordered bail out

Ferguson injured, leg in legs

captured immediately

Holmstrom wounded in legs

u & b bailed out. never heard from them

Whin killed in place

Sunday April 14 1985

Pete

What a surprise to hear from you. I imagine it was a treat to see the old gang once again and how good it was of you to visit our "Colorado" kid Jeff Farn. I certainly remember the long ride I had, taking him down south to the cemetery.

I have had a calendar from highly but don't have his address - can you send it to me?

After Lark left for the USA I eventually got my own crew and we got shot down on my 24th over Schweinfurt. Lost over 60 that day. Spent 20 months in prison camp. I was promoted to Capt just before I decided to get out in 1946. I stayed in the reserve and retired from it as a Light Colonel. I retired from my civilian job with Rockwell almost two years ago.

sunny Southern California.

I sure would appreciate the plaque
you are making. You did a fine job
on our jackets with the Piccadilly Comics. So
when I was captured I had it on & it made
the german newspapers and even the N.Y. Times

A lefty gangster - murder of women and
children! Your naked lady was
very evident in the photo

Well thanks for thinking of
me. Hope you enjoy your
retirement! Say hello to all

Regards
Gus

My new address

G. HOLMSTROM
P. O. Box 645, 804 Glenbrook
Frazier Park, CA 93225

regards

Gus Holmstrom

21 MAR 85



From the desk of

GUS HOLMSTROM

FILE 5780

Please change my address

from

MR GUSTAVE S HOLMSTROM
23330 SCHUENBORN ST
CANOGA PARK, CA 91304

to P.O. Box 645
FRAZIER PARK
CA 93225

Thank

G Holmstrom

LTCOL AFRES Re

12 February 1990

Dear Gus:

In answer to your note of 7 February, Konrad Rudolph is a young West German who has a great interest in WWII aircraft.

He has been on our mailing list, and I have corresponded with him, over the past couple of years. To the best of my knowledge he is trustworthy.

I sent along to him a copy of your Missing Aircrew Report with the numbers he would need for identification of parts of the plane.

I would hope that you would correspond with him, because I think the results of their efforts may be very interesting. And, if it does prove to be your plane, I am hopeful that we will get some good pictures and a story from the German end about the search, for Echoes.

This, I would also hope to augment, with a story from you about the last moments of your experience with that aircraft.

Sincerely yours,

Feb 7 1990

Russell

Thanks for your letter. ^{1/29/90} Who is Komad? what is his interest in locating aircraft lost over Germany? Is it cleared to respond to future communications from him?

Please correct my mailing address as below.

Holmstrom
581 Quandt Ranch Road
San Jacinto, CA 92383

I'm looking forward to hearing more about my aircraft
thanks again.
Jes Holmstrom

7/1/98

Russell A Strong
Secretary/Editor
306th Echoes

I'm sorry to inform you that my husband, Gus Holmstrom, passed away May 22, 1998. He had struggled valiantly with Parkinson's - but it weakened him terribly - and the final blow was pneumonia and a major heart attack. His ashes are buried in nearby Riverside National Cemetery.

Eva Holmstrom



Eva Z. Holmstrom
1355 Jones St.
Hemet, CA 92543

Ron Schreiner



Name: GUSTAVE HOLMSTROM

Cadet class: JUNE 42 42F?

Place of graduation: WILLIAMS FIELD ARIZONA

Number of combat missions: 24

Wife's first name: EVA

Other 306th men whom I know graduated with me:

NOTE NEW ADDRESS

THE HOLMSTROM'S
1355 JONES STREET
HEMET, CA 92543-8059

FROM

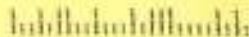
THE HOLMSTROM'S
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TO

Russell A. Strong, Secretary
306th Bomb Group Association
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

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306th group
369 sqn

MAY 24 1994

Russ

While cleaning my files I came across the enclosed photo of myself & Pick up crew. Ferguson on extreme right.

The Bombardier & Navigator are next to me. One of these was in front RAF I believe. Name of Belknap seems possible name. The bombardier & Navigator on the Schweinfurt raid both bailed out but to my knowledge were never found.

Thanks for all the good work you have done all these years.

Yus Holmstrom

P.S. Radio op was killed before bail out. Tail gunner supposedly bailed out early on.

(OVER)

Ralph Ellsworth may have been
waist gunner

Box 24 Magnolia Iowa 51550

MAY 22, 1998

The Hemet News

Gustave Holmstrom

A memorial service for Gustave Siegfried Holmstrom, 77, of Hemet, a retired environmental monitor, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 701 N. Sanderson Ave., Hemet. Miller-Jones Mortuary is directing.

Inurnment will be private. I.D. Goehring will officiate.

Mr. Holmstrom died Friday at home.



Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he had lived in Hemet the past 18 years. He was an environmental monitor for Rockwell International in Newberry Park for 40 years, retiring in 1983. He was a pilot in England serving in the Air Force during World War II, from 1940 to 1946. He did 23 missions before he was shot down. From 1943 to 1945, he was a prisoner of war in Germany. He also served for more than 30 years in the Air Force Reserves.

He was an active member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, where he served as an elder. He was in the church choir, active in the Bible study groups and was a member of the singing group, "the Beatitudes," which ministered to convalescent homes. He enjoyed woodworking, and loved to read.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Eva; a son, Mark of Canyon Country; a daughter, Christine of Sacramento; and one grandchild.

Memorial donations may be made to Hemacinto Parkinson Support Group, 1001 N. Lyon Ave., Hemet, Calif. 92545 or Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Memorial Fund, 701 N. Sanderson Ave., Hemet, Calif. 92545.

Miller Jones


In Loving Memory

Gustave Siegfried Holmstrom

Born

Monday, February 21, 1921
Brooklyn, New York

Passed Away

Friday, May 22, 1998
Hemet, California

Services Held At

Prince of Peace
Hemet, California

Saturday, May 30, 1998 at 11:00 AM

Officiating

Pastor I. D. Goehring

Inurnment

Private

Arrangements By

Miller-Jones Mortuary

HIGH FLIGHT

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth

And danced the sides of laughter-slivered wings,

Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth

Of sun-split clouds--and done a hundred things

You have not dreamed of--wheeled and soared and swung

high in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there

I've chased the shouting wind along and flung

My eager craft through footless halls of air

Up, up and long delirious, burning blue

I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace

Where never lark, or even eagle flew.

And, while with silent, listning mind I've trod

The high untrampled sanctity of space,

Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.